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CHILD PREDATOR SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN CHILD PORN CASE

Illinois Man to Serve 20 Years in Prison and Additional 10 Years of Supervised Release

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on June 26, 2008, Randy D. Winslow, a resident of Tilton, Illinois, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 20 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release for his conviction of distribution and receipt of child pornography.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Winslow, age 42, of 109 E. 5th Street, in Tilton.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Retta Randall, on April 25, 2007, Winslow, using a Yahoo Instant Messenger screen name “lonelyfunman”, chatted with an undercover investigator in Anchorage, and through the Internet, sent the investigator 23 digital images of prepubescent children, 5 of which lasciviously exhibited the children’s genitals and pubic areas. During ensuing chats with the undercover investigator, Winslow admitted having “a lot of kiddy porn.”

After learning the actual identity of “lonelyfunman”, agents arrested Winslow on May 4, 2007. A computer forensic exam of Winslow’s computer, which was seized in his residence after his arrest, revealed that between June 2006 and May 2007, Winslow used commercially-available, “peer-to-peer” software to trade child pornography.

According to evidence, during two different chats with the same user on June 13, 2006, Winslow received 6 images and 3 movies which depicted child pornography from a computer located in Dallas, Texas. On June 28, 2006, Winslow received 45 images during one chat, and 192 images during a second chat from the same user. A large number of the images were identified as child pornography. On April 30, 2007, 37 images were sent to Winslow, as well as a link to a web site that contained images of child pornography. Over 600 images that depict child pornography were found on Winslow’s computer.

Winslow was charged in U.S. District Courts in Alaska and Illinois, and he agreed to allow the government to transfer his Illinois case to Alaska.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that Winslow's previous conviction for child solicitation, and his threatening letter to the parent of that child, caused enough concern to keep Winslow under the supervision of the justice system for a long time. Therefore, upon his release from his 20-year prison term, Winslow will be closely supervised by a United States Probation/Pretrial Services Office for an additional 10 years. Judge Burgess stated that the length of the sentence was to send a message that this type of conduct cannot be tolerated. Because Winslow stated in his chats that children can be trained to believe that certain conduct was normal and to not tell anyone, he presented a danger to the public. His previous sexual contacts with juvenile relatives were also a grave concern. The court imposed conditions of supervision to require treatment of Winslow upon his release.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted the investigation leading to the substantial sentence in this case.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, then Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood combines federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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